



FAQs for Sembach relocation:

Q1. When can we start to move to the KMC area?

A1. Once we have orders with the designated funding code, each family can arrange their move. Each family will need to assess their situation and plan when the best time to move. Weighing the pro's and con's of that time can be challenging and the command will assist by making information available as soon as possible. It is our intent as an organization to move at the end of the school year, over the summer break, in order to give families time to settle before the start of the next school year, and still be able to take time for block leave. The command is pushing for housing priority for families who want to live on-post during a block of time next summer. The factors are unique for each family, such as commuting distance, school-age children, and housing needs. You don't have to move, based on your situation, but understand that Heidelberg is closing down eventually in the near future, and the HHC workplace is Sembach for day-to-day activity starting next July.

Q2. If I find a home in the Sembach/K-Town area available now, are we authorized to go ahead and move to that area?

A2. Yes. But remember commuting is currently to Heidelberg and will remain so until July.

Q3. Do we need to register our POV at a different community (other than Heidelberg)?

A3. No. However, Sembach has a POV registration office if you choose to use it.

Q4. What does moving entail? Is it a same-day move?

A4. The Army wants to make this as easy as possible because it saves you time and saves the government money in TLA in between houses. Same-day delivery is a goal, but not a guarantee.

Q5. I'm CONUS and inbound to the 30th HHC, where do I go?

A5. At this time, you will come to Heidelberg, but after 1 January we will begin to move inbound families to the KMC area. You will not move twice in a 12 month block of time, and your individual situation and assignment will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Q6. How does healthcare work in Sembach?

A6. Tricare Prime and Standard work out of the military clinics in the KMC area, healthcare facilities on the German economy, and Landstuhl Regional Hospital.

Q7. What kind of costs can I anticipate in this move?

A7. The Army will move you and your family. The unit is exploring options to run a shuttle bus for a certain duration of time during the summer (the bulk of the move) to alleviate some commuting, but each Soldier will be responsible to get him/herself to work at Sembach on time. Clearing an off-post house and getting your deposit back before taking the advance on another housing down-payment is another way to save money, as the Army will pay for TLA during the transition period.

Q8. Will my DEROS date change due to the move? Our DEROS is Fall 2012. Will we be expected to move in the summer only to PCS again in September?

A8. A DEROS date change is unclear at this point. Each family and Soldier can assess if moving is right for them, weighing curtailment or simply following standard DEROS procedures to PCS as scheduled.

Q9. How do schools and busing work in Sembach?

A9. Sembach is the place of duty, but Families will be housed on-and-off post in surrounding areas within the KMC footprint where schools and busing currently exist. German schools also are available within this area for different ages. DODDS and IMCOM are researching how to accommodate Soldiers/families living further away from the KMC areas in regards to busing. The unit will have DODDS and IMCOM representatives at our town hall meetings scheduled later this fall.

Q10. How do I register for housing?

A10. The KMC area housing department gives a briefing to all Soldiers/Families inbound to their area. The unit plans to bring that briefing to Heidelberg to alleviate individual travel. You can begin your search with the Automated Housing Referral Network at <http://www.ahrn.com/> and you may also use German rental property websites, but need to ensure the landlord will work with the Housing Department. On-post housing will be set under US Air Force regulations for housing priority. The unit is working to establish our priority. Priority means that HHC families will be blocked in a certain window of time (time TBD) to move into available housing ahead of others on the list. Housing representatives will be at our town hall meetings for more detail scheduled later this fall.

Q11. What are the possibilities of a junior enlisted to live off post?

A11. At this time we expect that all Soldiers will be allowed to live off-post.

Q12. Is there a deadline to clear housing in Heidelberg?

A12. Eventually everyone will have to leave Heidelberg in the next few years. Services are being limited over time. Deciding if moving is right for you and your family is each Soldier's choice.

Q13. If the KMC is full, can we choose another post to live on? Can we choose our house if we prefer first floor or would like to request a yard?

A13. The KMC area is large and includes multiple posts to live on, including Ramstein AB. You are only authorized to live on the posts in which assigned (i.e. a Soldier won't be housed in Baumholder on-post). Choices will be limited due to limited availability. Exceptional Family Member Program participants and other considerations apply. Off-post housing affords some more flexibility in choice as to whether you and your family want a house, apartment, or duplex.

For more information please contact us at 30thmed.pao@us.army.mil